

Asked and Answered... And Answered... and Answered! Valerie Plame Wilson's Contradictory Testimony

Question	Senate Select Intelligence Committee (SSCI)	House Oversight and Government Reform	Plame's Own Memorandum, Other Documents
Whether Plame suggested or recommended sending Wilson to Niger?	<p>Plame told SSCI Staff, “I honestly do not recall if I suggested it....”¹</p> <p>The uncontested Additional Views of three senators on SSCI state, “When asked specifically if she remembered whether she suggested her husband’s name, [Plame] said, ‘I honestly do not’.”²</p> <p>The unanimous bipartisan SSCI Report states: “[I]nterviews and documents provided to [SSCI] indicate that [Wilson’s] wife, a CPD employee [Plame], suggested [Wilson’s] name for the trip.”³</p>	<p>Plame testified, “I did not recommend him. I did not suggest him” [and] that “[another officer] suggested well, why don’t we send Joe [Wilson]?”⁴</p> <p>Plame testified that the uncontested Additional Views of three Senators on SSCI stating that she suggested Wilson “is incorrect.”⁵</p>	<p>Plame, in a February 12, 2002 e-mail to the chief of the CIA Counterproliferation Division said, “I am hesitant to suggest anything again. However, [my husband] may be in a position to assist. Therefore, request your thoughts on what, if anything to pursue here.”⁶</p>

¹ S.Rpt. 110-57 (May 25, 2007), *Report of the [Senate] Select Committee on Intelligence* [hereinafter “SSCI”] *on Prewar Intelligence Assessments about Postwar Iraq together with Additional Views* [hereinafter “May 25, 2007 SSCI Report”], at 211 (Additional Views of SSCI Vice Chairman Christopher S. Bond, Sen. Orrin Hatch, and Sen. Richard Burr) (*quoting* Valerie Plame Wilson) (emphasis supplied)

² *Id.* (*quoting* Valerie Plame Wilson) (emphasis supplied)

³ S.Rpt. 108-301 (Jul. 9, 2004), *Report of the [Senate] Select Committee on U.S. Intelligence Community’s Prewar Intelligence Assessments on Iraq with Additional Views*, at 39 [hereinafter “July 9, 2004 SSCI Report”] (emphasis supplied).

⁴ *White House Procedures for Safeguarding Classified Information: Hearing Before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee*, 110th Cong. (Mar. 16, 2007) Tr., at 51-52 (statement of Valerie Plame Wilson) [hereinafter “Mar. 16, 2007 Hearing Tr.”] (emphasis supplied).

⁵ *Id.*, at 53 (statement of Valerie Plame Wilson) (emphasis supplied).

⁶ *May 25, 2007 SSCI Report*, at 207 (*quoting* full text of e-mail from Valerie Plame Wilson to CI/DO/[office 1] (Feb. 12, 2002) [hereinafter “Feb. 12, 2002 Plame e-mail”]) (emphasis supplied).

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<p>Whether an inquiry from the Office of the Vice President prompted Plame to suggest or recommend Wilson?</p>		<p>Plame testified she wrote her February 12, 2002 e-mail after her conversation with a junior officer who “had just received a telephone call on her desk from someone, I don’t know who, in the Office of the Vice President, asking about ... this alleged sale of yellow cake uranium from Niger to Iraq.”⁷</p> <p>Plame testified that a conversation about this call immediately followed, during which “[another officer] suggested well, why don’t we send Joe [Wilson]?”⁸</p>	<p>A February 13, 2002 daily “tasker” prepared by the Vice President’s CIA briefer says, “The VP was shown an assessment (he thought from DIA) that Iraq is purchasing uranium from Africa [and] [h]e would like [CIA’s] assessment of that transaction;”⁹</p> <p>Plame’s February 13, 2002 cable late that afternoon says, “‘[T]he Vice President's office just asked for background information’.”¹⁰</p> <p>Plame’s February 12, 2002 e-mail does not mention the Office of the Vice President, the discussion with her branch chief and her colleague, or that she would ask Wilson of his interest that night.</p>

⁷ *Mar. 16, 2007 Hearing Tr.*, at 51 (statement of Valerie Plame Wilson) (emphasis supplied)

⁸ *Id.*, at 52 (statement of Valerie Plame Wilson)

⁹ Daily “Tasker” Memo prepared by David D. Terry (Central Intelligence Agency) (Feb. 13, 2002) (most likely referring to Defense Intelligence Agency, *Niamey signed an agreement to sell 500 tons of uranium a year to Baghdad ((NMJIC Executive Highlight, Vol. 028-02))*, ((Feb. 12, 2002))) (emphasis supplied).

¹⁰ *May 25, 2007 SSCI Report*, at 212 (*quoting* Cable prepared by Valerie Plame Wilson (Feb. 13, 2002)) (emphasis supplied)

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Whether a conversation with her branch chief and a colleague prompted Plame to write her February 12, 2002 E-mail?	The uncontested Additional Views of three senators on SSCI state, “[Plame’s Mar. 16, 2007 testimony before the House Oversight Committee] was of great interest to us because during a nearly hour long interview with Mrs. Wilson in which Senate Committee staff asked specifically what led CIA/CPD to think about sending someone to Niger and how it was that her husband’s name came up, Mrs. Wilson never provided the story she provided to the House Committee.” ¹¹	<p>Plame testified that she drafted her February 12, 2002 e-mail after a conversation with her branch chief.¹²</p> <p>Plame testified that, during this conversation, she indicated she was willing to go home that evening and “‘speak to [Wilson], and ask him to come in to headquarters next week [to] discuss the options.’”¹³</p> <p>Plame also testified, “[A]s I was leaving [my branch chief] asked me to draft a quick e-mail to the chief of our Counterproliferation Division to let him know that this was—might happen.”¹⁴</p>	<p>Plame's February 12, 2002 e-mail is entitled “Iraq-related Nuclear Report Makes a Splash”¹⁵ and refers to interest among the Intelligence Committee generated by a February 5, 2002 report.¹⁶</p> <p>Referring to this report, in the first line of her February 12, 2002 e-mail, Plame says, “The report forwarded below has prompted me to send this onto you and request your comments and opinion.”¹⁷</p> <p>Plame’s February 12, 2002 e-mail does not mention the Office of the Vice President, the discussion with her branch chief and her colleague, or that she would be approaching Wilson that night.</p>

¹¹ *Id.*, at 211.

¹² *Mar. 16, 2007 Hearing Tr.*, at 52 (statement of Valerie Plame Wilson)

¹³ *Id.* (statement of Valerie Plame Wilson) (*quoting* Plame’s CIA Branch Chief)

¹⁴ *Id.* (statement of Valerie Plame Wilson) (emphasis supplied)

¹⁵ *May 25, 2007 SSCI Report*, at 207 (*quoting Feb. 12, 2002 Plame e-mail*)

¹⁶ *Id.*, at 208.

¹⁷ *Id.*, at 207 (*quoting Feb. 12, 2002 Plame e-mail*) (emphasis supplied)